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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Marc HUARD
Appl. No.: NEW NON-PROVISIONAL
Filed: January 23, 2004
Title: A NEEDLE VALVE FOR FILLING A MOLD WITH AN
ORGANIC MATERIAL IN THE LIQUID STATE AND
A METHOD OF MOLDING AN OPTICAL COMPONENT
USING THIS KIND OF VALVE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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January 23, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.